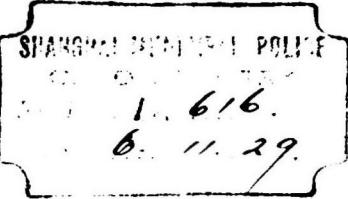


D - 616



November 6, 9

Dear Jeffery,

With reference to your letter of October 30, the Shanghai Municipal Police at present possess a warrant for the arrest of N. J. Hughes for tendering worthless cheques on the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank for goods to the value of Mex. \$ 1826.75 (£166-0-0d approx.), which he purchased from traders in this city on February 26, 1927. This warrant has remained unexecuted because Hughes succeeded in getting away before the matter was reported to the Police. Information obtained at the time shows that he left as a stowaway, and that he was fined £10-0-0d for having done so when the vessel reached Southampton.

In view of the large expenditure, which the extradition of Hughes would involve, it has not been considered expedient to endeavour to bring him back, but the warrant against him is being held in the expectation that he may return to Shanghai at some future date.

Yours sincerely,

Leay

E.W. Jeffery Esq.,

H.B.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai.



POLITICAL BRANCH
(FOREIGN SECTION)
DATE 5-11-29
(C.I.D.) Office Notes

File No. D. 616.

N.J. Hughes.

Sir,

No trace of this man can be found up to the present, but the staff of this section has been instructed to keep a look out for Hughes and in the event of any information being received about him, a report will be submitted to that effect.

D. S. Smith
D. S.

A/D. C. I.

5/11/29

Form 50.
F.H. 5000-12-26.

Memorandum.

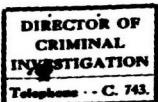
POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

To: Shanghai, 4. 11 1929
Officer in Charge

Re:

All Senior Officers
in Division,
attached to District
Immediately copy
Information Bureau

Y. T. and
Dug.



C.I.D. HEADQUARTERS.
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

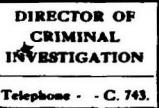
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leg of
use my memo
attached. (at x)
Is he back or not?
1/11/29. Acy

sir

I have not seen this
file regarding your memo
at x but will have in-
quiries made

A.R. 01-168



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.

S. M. P.

31/10. 1924.

Reg'd
Short summary
of the man's crime
here. He is still
"wanted" if he returns.

X For Section +
Supt. A. for records
reference his return to
Shanghai?

L.C.W.

H. (H. Pol.)
2/10/24

Noted
H.R. 2 134

616
BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,

SHANGHAI.

October 30th, 1929

I
Dear Aiers,

I enclose copy of a letter received here from the British Consulate at Lyons regarding a Mr. W. J. Hughes. This gentleman was apparently last in Shanghai in 1926 when he lived at 19 Albury Lane, and it is reported that he may have returned here. I should be grateful to be informed whether you have any information about him.

Yours sincerely,

Ewleffey

R. C. Aiers, Esquire,
Shanghai Municipal Police.

SHANGHAI.

C O P Y

British Consulate.

Lyons.

14th September, 1929.

Ref. No. 716/531/29.

Sir and dear Colleague,

A certain Mr. M. J. HUGHES, bearer of passport No. 3039 issued at Shanghai on the 18th February 1926, obtained from the Acting Consul here on the 8th June last a loan of Frs. 500 to enable him to return to London, alleging that he had been robbed of his pocket-book.

2. As the loan was not repaid, enquiries were made at the address he had given in London, namely 11 Harrington Gardens, and it was found that this was a private hotel which Mr. Hughes had left on the 26th May without paying his bill
of/

H.B.M. Consul-General,

SHANGHAI.

of 24-1-6.

3. I should be glad to know whether Mr. Hughes has returned to Shanghai; and if not, whether anything is known of his present whereabouts. He stated that he had an account with the Shanghai branch of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

I am, Sir and dear Colleague,

Your obedient Servant.

(SIGNED). HUGH ALEX: FORD.

Any further communication on the subject of this letter should be addressed to:-

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
OF THE METROPOLIS,
NEW SCOTLAND YARD,
LONDON, S.W.1.

and the following number quoted:-

222/FC/2089 (C.2)

Communications should not be addressed to individuals by name.

B2245
D. 616

New Scotland Yard,

LONDON, S.W.1.

S. 22.7.27

B2245
22.7.27

Sir,

Re Norman Hughes,

I am directed by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis to thank you for your letter of the 9th May, 1927 (B. 2245), with enclosures.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. Headwood
for Assistant Commissioner

The Commissioner of Police,
Criminal Investigation Department,
Municipal Police,
Shanghai.

Headwood

B2245

RECEIVED
CABLEGRAMS
DEPT. OF JUSTICE,
DETROIT,
MICHIGAN,
U.S.A.
B2245
Date 10-5-24

May 9, 7

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm my cablegrams of April 29th, May 2nd and May 3rd and to acknowledge receipt of your replies of May 1st and May 4th. The following are copies:

"HANDCUFFS, LONDON.

"NORMAN HUGHES STOWAWAY CONVICTED

"SOUTHAMPTON APRIL TWENTY FIFTH

"FUGITIVE OFFENDER WARRANT VALID

"CHINA ISSUED CHARGES OBTAINING

"MONEY ON "WORTHLESS HONGKONG

"SHANGHAI BANK CHEQUES.

"LEGIRON."

Your reply received on May 1st:

"LEGIRON, SHANGHAI.

"CABLEGRAM NORMAN HUGHES WILL YOU

"FORWARD EVIDENCE AND ASK FOR RETURN

"OF HUGHES IS OFFENCE PUNISHABLE BY

"TWELVE MONTHS IMPRISONMENT CABLE REPLY.

"HANDCUFFS."

Further wire of May 2nd:

"HANDCUFFS, LONDON.

"ADVISED HUGHES EXTRADITION IMPOSSIBLE

"OFFENCE PUNISHABLE TWELVE MONTHS

"EVIDENCE FOLLOWS BY MAIL.

"LEGIRON."

Your reply received on May 4th:

"LEGIRON, SHANGHAI.
"HUGHES CANNOT BE PROSECUTED HERE
"FOR OFFENCE IN SHANGHAI NOT
"UNDERSTOOD WHY APPLICATION FOR
"RETURN CANNOT BE MADE UNDER
"FUGITIVE OFFENDER ACT PLEASE
"SUPPLY HIS DESCRIPTION.
"MANCHURIA."

Further wire of May 9th:

"MANCHURIA, LONDON.
"RETURN OF HUGHES POSSIBLE UNDER
"FUGITIVE OFFENDER ACT BUT NOT
"CONSIDERED SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT
"WARRANT EXPENSE FULL DETAILS AND
"DESCRIPTION FOLLOW P.M.
"LEGIRON."

On February 26, 1927 Norman J.L. Hughes obtained goods to the total value of Mex. \$1826.75 (approximately £166.0.0) from six storekeepers in this city. He tendered cheques drawn on the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation in each instance in payment. These cheques were returned by the Bank marked "Drawer's signature differs from specimen signature in our files." Police enquiries show that Hughes did at one time have an account with the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank here; but his credit balance at the time these cheques were signed was only about \$5.00 (under ten shillings). The cheques were signed Norman L.J. Hughes, whereas the specimen and correct signature held by the Bank reads:
"Norman J.L. Hughes."

Copies of the accounts of the persons victimized are enclosed herewith together with photographs of the cheques given in payment thereof and a certified copy of the warrant of arrest.

Hughes had left Shanghai when these complaints were made to the Police.

Hughes was born in Brixton, London on November 4, 1887. He went to Canada in 1906, where he was first employed on a farm and later in one of the offices of the C. P. Rly. He left thencefor California in 1908 and was engaged for six years in private nursing and hospital work in Los Angeles. He came to China in 1914 and joined the C.M. Customs on May 23, 1914 resigning on January 21, 1916. Hughes next joined the Health Department of the C.M.C. on March 1, 1916 and resigned on May 31, 1925. He used the letters A.R.S.I. after his name in connection with this work. After leaving the Council's service Hughes was engaged on advertising work and appeared to live on his wits generally. Hughes' description is as follows:
Age 40 years; Height 5'10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; Weight about 190 lbs;
Complexion clear; Hair, dark brown; Eyes, hazel.
Speaks with a nasal accent. Good appearance and dresses well. Occasionally wears pinc nez eye glasses.
A copy of his photograph is enclosed herewith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,
Ernest Sandys
Commissioner of Police.

Commissioner of Police,
New Scotland Yard,

L O N D O N .

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY (LIMITED)

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Accepts Telegrams for all Telegraph Stations in the World.

SHANGHAI

4 AVENUE EDWARD VII

(Telephone CENTRAL 6)

Class	Date	No.	Words	Date	Time
	Amount charged.		Remarks		

Local No. _____

To
Time.
Clerk

VIA NORTHERN.

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN ABOVE THIS.

To *Receiver's Name***HANDCUFFS***Address***LONDON**

RETURN OF HUGHES POSSIBLE UNDER
 FOREIGN OFFENDERS ACT BUT NOT
 CONSIDERED SUFFICIENTLY IMPORANT
 WARRANT EXPENSE FULL DETAILS AND
 DESCRIPTION FOLLOW MAIL

LEGIRON

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I request that the above Telegram may be forwarded according to the rules of the International Telegraph Convention, and according to the Company's conditions printed above, by which I agree to abide.

Date **9/5/27.**Signature *[Signature]*

Address _____

Memorandum.POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

To

Shanghai, Haworth 92
Frank

RETURN OF HUGHES

POSSIBLE UNDER F.O.

ACT BUT NOT

CONSIDERED SUFFICIENTLY

IMPORTANT WARRANT

EXPENSE. full details

description follow mail

Legion

Shanghai Municipal Police

CEMETERY
C.I.D. No. B245
Date May 17 1927

C.I.D. Headquarter Staff XXXXX

May 8, 1927.

REPORT ON Norman John Hughes.

Made by C.D.I. Peck.

Forwarded by C.I.D. SUPERINTENDENT

Sir,

I beg to forward the following information regarding Norman John Hughes. Hughes was born in Brixton, London, on November 4, 1887. He went to Canada in 1906, where he was first employed on a farm and later in one of the offices of the C. P. Rly. He left there for California in 1908 and was engaged for six years in private nursing and hospital work in Los Angeles. He came to China in 1914 and joined the C. M. Customs on May 28, 1914 resigning on January 21, 1916. Hughes next joined the Health Department of the S.M.C. on March 1, 1916 and resigned on May 31, 1925. He used the letters A.R.S.I. after his name in connection with this work. After leaving the Council's service Hughes was engaged on advertising work and appeared to live on his wits generally. Hughes' description is as follows :

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Speaks with a nasal accent. Good appearance and dresses well.
Occasionally wears pinc nez eye glasses.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Peck
C. D. I.

V.W.L
D. C. I.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

C.I.D. No. *B705*
Yel. 5.29

C.I.D. Headquarter Staff

RECEIVED

May 7, 1927.

REPORT ON interview with the Crown Advocate regarding Norman Hughes.

Made by C.D.I. Peck.

Forwarded by C.L.D. SUPERINTENDENT

Sir,

I beg to report having seen the Crown Advocate in reference to the Hughes case. Mr. Mossop states that legally the extradition of Hughes is quite practicable, if the S.M.C. feel justified in spending the fairly large sum of money this would entail. It would be necessary to send to England some one who knows Hughes and who could identify him, and the expenses involved in so long a journey would be considerable and probably more than the offence warrants. Hughes' extradition could be more economically arranged had we a man at Home due shortly to return from leave. It would still be necessary for this man, or some other person in England, definitely to identify Hughes before his extradition could be effected. I asked Mr. Mossop if the Crown would not be responsible for the expenses incurred in the case in the event of a conviction, but he stated that Shanghai being an International Settlement, all expense in the matter would have to be borne by the Council or the complainants in the case. Should the Council decide to continue with the extradition of Hughes Mr. Mossop will, if desired, be pleased to advise the Prosecuting Solicitor on the correct procedure to be observed in this matter under the Fugitive Offenders Act.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Robert
C. D. I.

D. C. I.

FM. 52

Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE.
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai,

6. 8. 1927.

To

D.C.I.

Send someone to see
B. mag. re return
of Hughes under
D.O. act.

Emin Barakat
C.P.

Memorandum.

PROSECUTING SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Shanghai,

May 6th 1925

To Commissioner of Police

Fugitive offenders can be
returned under O. in C. (1923)
I.T.O. Act 1881. but I was
advised that this case would
hardly warrant the expense.

Philip Wolden

APR

Hughes being liable to more
than twelve months imprisonment
would come within the Act.

P.W.

fd. 600—Forwarding Form.

All important Telegrams
should be repeated.—
Quarter-rates extra
charged for
Repetition.

Teleg. Address: "EASTWIRE"
Telephone Number: 880.

DATE	WORDS
CODE TIME	CHARGE

SHANGHAI STATION.

7, Bund.

To prevent mistakes a
station is called to the
importance of Legible
Writing.

SENT AT _____

No. _____

NO. AND CIRCUIT _____

BY _____



Via Eastern

OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO Receiver's Name HANDCUFFS,
Address LONDON.

**DO NOT CONSIDER CASE SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT
FOR RETURN OF HUGHES FULL DETAILS AND DESCRIPTION
FOLLOW BY MAIL**

LEGIRON.

*P.S. "handcuffs" says not understood why
return impossible under 3. O. act?
Above is no sort of explanation?*

6. 5. 29. E. B.

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I request that the above Telegram may be forwarded according to the above Conditions, by which I agree to be bound.

Signature and Address of Sender _____
(not to be telegraphed)

S. 800.—Forwarding Form.

All important Telegrams
should be repeated.—
Letter-rate extra
charged for
expedition.

Teleggraphic Address: "EASTWICK"
Telephone Number: 800.

SHANGHAI STATION.

7. Bund.

To prevent mistakes attention is called to the importance of legible Writing.

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No. _____

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No. AND CIRCUIT	
By	

Via Eastern

OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO Receiver's Name HANDBUING,

Address LONDON.

DO NOT CONSIDER CASE SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT
FOR RETURN OF BAGGAGE FULL DETAILS AND DESCRIPTION
FOLLOW BY MAIL

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Signature and Address of Sender
(NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED)

(541)
大東電報公司

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH COMPANY, Limited.

Incorporated in England

Telegraphic Address
"EASTERN"

SHANGHAI STATION.

4, Avenue Edward VII

Telephone Number

ZEA ORD 233 899 12/46PM 4/5/27 1764

The following Telegram Received via **EASTERN** at

大東電報公司

LONDON 30 3 6/20PM CRWLS

LCO LEGIRON SHANGHAI

HUGHES CANNOT BE PROSECUTED HERE FOR OFFENCE IN
SHANGHAI NOT UNDERSTOOD WHY APPLICATION FOR RETURN
CANNOT BE MADE UNDER FUGITIVE OFFENDERS ACT PLEASE
SUPPLY HIS DESCRIPTION

HANDCUFFS

P.S. Please draft suitable reply by wire
saying full details will follow by mail
Ernest

NO ENQUIRY RESPECTING THIS TELEGRAM CAN BE ATTENDED TO WITHOUT THE PRODUCTION OF THIS FORM

Memorandum.

PROSECUTING SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai,

192

To _____

Do not consider case
sufficiently important to
return of Hughes ~~sic~~
~~possible~~. Full details &
description follow by mail.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY (LIMITED)
of Denmark.

Accepts Telegrams for all Telegraph Stations in the World.

SHANGHAI4 AVENUE EDWARD VII
 (Telephone: CENTRAL 6)

Class.	Date.
Amount charged.	No. _____
Remarks	

VIA NORTHERN.

Local No. _____	
To. _____	Time. _____
Clerk. _____	

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN ABOVE THIS.

To (Receiver's Name) **H A N D C U P P S**
 Address _____
L O N D O N .

A D V I S E D H U G H E S E X T R A D I T I O N
I M P O S S I B L E O F F E N C E P U N I S H A B L E
T W E L V E M O N T H S E V I D E N C E F F O L L O W S
B Y M A I L

L E G I R O N

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Date 2/5/29.

Signature _____

Address _____

(60)

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH COMPANY, Limited.

Incorporated in England

SHANGHAI STATION.

4, Avenue Edward VII

Telephone Number

899.

大東電報公司
Telegraphic Address:
"EASTERN"

大東電報公司

The following Telegram Received via EASTERN at

1900 HOURS, 15th JULY, 1923.

TO THE CHIEF

GENERAL MANAGER, EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH COMPANY,
15, AVENUE EDWARD VII, SHANGHAI, CHINA.
RECEIVED BY TELETYPE, 15th JULY
1923.

DG,

Draft copy.

Enclosed.

NO ENQUIRY RESPECTING THIS TELEGRAM CAN BE ATTENDED TO WITHOUT THE PRODUCTION OF THIS FORM.

HANDCUFFS

BONDON

NORMAN	HUGHES	STOWA JAY	CONVICTED
SOUTHAMPTON	APRIL	TWENTYFIFTH	FUGITIVE
OFFENDER	WARRANT	VALID	CHINA
ISSUED	CHARGES	OBTAINING	MONEY
ON	WORTHLESS	HONGKONG SHANGHAI	BANK
CHEQUES			

LEGIRON



April 29, 1927.

Memorandum

Shanghai Municipal Police

April 29, 1927.To Commissioner of Police,

I would suggest wiring to Scotland
Yard to the effect that there is a
warrant here for the arrest of Hughes
on charges of obtaining approximately
\$1,400 by issuing worthless cheques on
the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Liamamhing

D. C. I.

Approved
Conis
29 APR 1927

ROOM NO. 174
PHONE C. 377

MEMORANDUM.

FROM THE PROSECUTING SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

To D.C. 1

Shanghai, April 28th 1927.

Re Norman Hughes

There is, of course, no question of extradition.
I do not think that we should ask H.B.M. Consulate to act in
the matter of sending this "dossier" home.

I suggest that we forward the certified copy of the unexecuted warrant
(herewith) with all other papers forming the "dossier" to
Scotland Yard.

I do not know what course has been pursued in previous
similar cases: but it seems advisable to curb this man's
activities, if possible.

Philip Wholdrey
A.L.S.

Memorandum.

PROSECUTING SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, 27th April 1927
To Superintendent Barnsley

Mr Maidland informs me
that he has no other papers
in the matter.

The file should be with S. I. Schatz
I have retained the unexecuted
warrant to Mr King.

Philip W. Olding
APR



POLICE FORCE.
(COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.)

Shanghai Municipal Council.

URGENT.

March 3,

1927.

The Manager,
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
Shanghai.

Dear Sir,

I shall be glad if you can give me any information concerning the amount of securities you hold in the name of Norman L. J. Hughes (alias Norman J. L. Hughes). This person appears to have a credit balance of \$3.00 with your Bank, but has signed cheques for approximately \$1400.00.

The information is required for use by the Prosecuting Solicitor as it is proposed to take action against this man.

Yours faithfully,


~~George Banach~~
Commissioner of Police.

7/2 7-2-1927

Shanghai Times 27-4-27.

SHANGHAI MAN STOWS AWAY ON LINER

Discovered On Empress
Of Scotland; Fined
\$10 In England

London, Apr. 25.

Norman John Hughes was to-day fined \$10 at Southampton because he "stowed away" on board the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Scotland.

Hughes declared that the troubles at Shanghai during the past two years had destroyed his advertising agents' business there. He had failed to get other work and stowed himself on board the liner which she called at Shanghai on her cruise, but was soon discovered.

Hughes stated that he had a wife and child at Shanghai.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

B2245
S. S. 27
Hongkew Police Station.

April 27, 1927.

REPORT ON Norman John Hughes.

Made by D. S. I. Schmidt.

Forwarded by

Sir,

I respectfully beg to forward attached cutting from
The Shanghai Times of April 27, 1927.

The arrival at Southampton of the above named, for
whose arrest a British Supreme Court Warrant is on file at
Hongkew on charges of obtaining goods by false pretences, explains
the disappearance of the wanted man from Shanghai.

I am Sir, ·

Yours obediently

H. J. Schmidt

D. S. I.

D. C. I.

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REGISTRY
No. *B2245*

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(Sd) E.I.M. Barrett.

Commissioner of Police.

Shanghai Municipal Police

HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL REGISTRY.

Date... 14.4.27

Hongkew Police Station.

April 13, 1927.

Further
REPORT ON British subject obtaining goods by means of worthless
cheques.

Made by D. S. I. Schmidt.

Forwarded by *J. M. Schmid*

Sir,

With reference to attached file, I beg to report that Norman L. J. Hughes, has succeeded in leaving Shanghai, somewhere about February 27 or 28. His destination, from reliable information received is Sydney, Australia.

He did not leave Shanghai under his own name, this has been verified from inquiries made at shipping offices and the British Consulate. It is presumed that he left for Hongkong on the dates mentioned above, as no passport is required from a British subject for this journey.

An address (attached), which was left with a Japanese woman, with whom he had been cohabiting the last two years, reads- N. J. Hughes Esq. G. P. O. Sydney, Australia. Poste Restante.

As seen from the above dates, he left Shanghai before the complaints were made to the Police.

Attached are all the cheques, which came in the possession of the Police and the British Supreme Court Warrant for the arrest of Hughes, which I respectfully suggest, might be kept on file, although there is little likelihood, of this man returning to Shanghai in the near future.

*warrant always
to obtain for
himself*

Complainants are aware that this swindler has been successful in absconding.

I am Sir

Yours obediently

D. S. I.

D. S. I.

MacD.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

B325
4-3-27
Hongkew Police

Station

March 3,

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REPORT ON British subject obtaining goods by means of worthless
cheques.

Made by D. S. I. Schmidt.

Forwarded by Sir Mackenzie Hall.

Sir,

I beg to report that at 11 a.m. 2/3/27, Yok Sang of 105a Broadway, a Jewellery Store, reported at this station that on 26/2/27, he sold a diamond ring value \$490. to a foreigner, receiving in payment a cheque for the above amount on the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, the Foreigner signing the cheque Norman L. J. Hughes.

On presenting the cheque at the bank on the 28/2/27, same was returned marked: "Drawer's signature differs from Specimen in our file".

From inquiries made at the Bank it was ascertained that altogether six cheques had been presented to the bank, bearing the same signature and which were returned to the bearers, with the same remarks.

The difference in the signature is that Hughes signed the cheques Norman L. J. Hughes, but the specimen at the bank is signed Norman J. L. Hughes, for reasons of his own he had changed the initials. The amount credited in his name at the bank is \$3.60 cents. The other cheques are as follows:-

Hung Chong Co.	\$450.	(Central)
Marcel.	\$ 26.	(Louza)
Tuck Chong Co.	\$800.	(Hongkew)
American Drug Store	\$ 31.	(Central)
Miyakoya & Co.	\$ 49.	(Hongkew)

The Hongkew cheques were all issued on February 26.

Inquiries elicited the information, that Norman J. L. Hughes

Shanghai Municipal Police.

Station

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REPORT ON

- 2 -

Made by _____

Forwarded by _____

was formerly with the Shanghai Municipal Health Department, and left two years ago on his own accord.

Since then he has been living more or less on his wits and has been guilty of several shady transaction.

The Prosecuting Solicitor, Mr. Maitland was consulted, and a British Supreme Court Warrant on a charge of obtaining goods by false pretences, has been issued for the arrest of Norman L. J. Hughes.

The whereabouts of Hughes at the present moment are unknown, but he is well known amongst the Police and if still in Shanghai, to trace him would not be difficult.

Warrant at Hongkew. Inquiries proceeding.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

H. J. Schmidt

D. S. I.

D. C. I.

FURTHER REPORT

4/13/27

A. A. H.

J. D.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

B3243
1.3.27
Central Station.

March 3rd, 1927.

REPORT ON A Foreigner issuing cheques which can not be met.

Made by P. C. S. MacLeod, Forwarded by *L. J. Hughes*

Sir,

I beg to report that at 4-30 p.m., on the 2nd inst. one Chiu Pock Chuen (周伯全) came to the station and made a report as follows:- I am the assistant Manager of Hung Chong (恒興) Co., Jewellers, 43 Nanking Road. At 2 p.m. on the 21st of February 1927, a foreigner came into the shop and gave an order to make a white gold ring with platinum setting and a single diamond of .82 carat. The ring was priced at \$430.00. At the time the order was given, the foreigner was asked to give his name, he complied by writing L. J. Hughes, S. M. C. on a piece of paper which he handed to the complainant.

At 1 p.m. on February 26th, 1927 Hughes called at Hung Chong's and was given the ring in exchange for which he tendered a post-dated cheque No. D.980212 for \$430.00 on the Hong-Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. The cheque was dated February 28th, 1927 and signed Norman L. J. Hughes. Chiu called at the bank on the 28th of February but was handed back ^{the cheque} with a chit attached on which is written "Drawers signature differs from specimen in our files."

Enquiries made at the bank have ascertained that Hughes did at one time have an account at the bank mentioned but that it had all been withdrawn excepting about \$5.00. Hughes's address is unknown to the Bank Authorities.

The Sub-Accountant informed the undersigned that an inspection of Hughes's account would be contrary to the Bank's Regulations unless an order was to come direct from the Commissioner of Police or a person in Authority. The American Drug Company

Shanghai Municipal Police.

Station.

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REPORT ON 2.

Made by Forwarded by

at 40 Nanking Road has also been victimised by Hughes in that he handed in a cheque No. D. 980217 for \$31.00 for goods received.

It is believed that Hughes has passed off several such cheques in Hongkew District, which cheques are at the moment in possession of D. S. I. Schmidt.

A warrant has been issued by the British Supreme Court for the arrest of Hughes. The warrant is at Hongkew Station. I respectfully suggest that this file be passed to D. S. I. Schmidt who has sworn the warrant against the wanted man. The cheques which have been used in this district are being handed to D. S. I. Schmidt.

D. S. White.
3-3-27.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,
J. MacLeod.

P. C. S.

D. S. I.

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4/3 27

[Signature]

Shanghai Municipal Police.

CENTRAL REGISTRY

No. B 33215

Date... 29-3-27
Central Station.

March 28th, 1927.

REPORT ON Attached.

Made by P. C. S. MacLeod.

Forwarded by

H. James es.

Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith a letter and cheque No. D. 980216 which were received here on March 26th, 1927 from Mr. R. Hogenlopp of " Marcells ", 32 Nanking Road. It appears that the cheque was given to the cashier of " Marcells " on February 26th, 1927 in payment of goods received.

When it was sent to the bank payment on it was refused as there was no account in the name of the man who had signed it. This is but one more cheque issued by the man who obtained goods from Hung Chong & Nanking Road and The American Drug Company, at 40 Nanking Road. A report on both those cases was made by the undersigned on March 3rd, 1927.

I respectfully suggest that this file be passed to D. S. I. Schmidt at Hongkew who swore a warrant against the wanted man.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

A. MacLeod.

P. C. S.

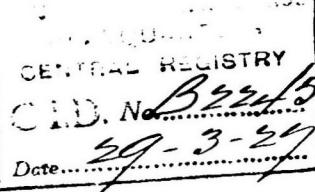
D. C. I.

Reported P. C. S.

29/3/27 - Checked

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MAISON
MARCEL
FAISIQUE
DE
CHOCOLAT
PATISSERIE CONFISERIE FRANCAISE
SALON DE THE
248-250-244-246A SIECHUEN ROAD.
TEL. C. 2536
ADDRESS. TELEGRAM:
"MARCEL"
SHANGHAI



Shanghai, le 25th March 1927

Dear Inspector,

Shanghai Police Station,
Shanghai.

Dear sir,

I am enclosing a cheque for \$ 26.75 giving by a Mr. N. L. J. Hughes in payment of some goods, the Bank returned the cheque with the remarks Signature not correct, On making further inquire at the Bank they informed me that this man had no account and used another mans name in the cheque and the Bank further advised me to communicate with you on this matter.

Trusting to be excused for the trouble I am given you.

Yours truly,



CONFISERIE "MARCEL"

Enclosing 1 Cheque.

MEMO.

From the

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
(INCORPORATED IN HONGKONG)

Cheque No. D 980212 returned

ANSWER:

Drawers signature differs from
specimen in our files.

Shanghai, 28th Feb 1927

A. J. Hughes
22 Middlesex Rd.

3 22
J R

MEMO.

From the

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
(INCORPORATED IN HONGKONG)

Cheque No.

10980214 returned

ANSWER:

Drawer's signature differ
from specimen in our file

Shanghai, 28th Feb 1927. L. W. M.

MEMO.

From the

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
(INCORPORATED IN HONGKONG)

Cheque No.

10980215 returned

ANSWER:

Drawer's Signature differ from }
specimen in our file }

Shanghai, 1st March 1927. L. W. M.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
(Incorporated in Hongkong)
HONGKEW SUB-AGENCY,
27, Broadway,

Shanghai

1/3 1907

T. Hsu, Esq.

Dear Sir

I beg to return herewith, unpaid and to
debit of your account, cheque for Rs. 100/-
~~with answer.~~
Drawn signature differs from signature
on signature given to the Bank.

Yours faithfully,

L. Guo



B:D 980214



Shanghai

Feb 26^d 1927Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation
SHANGHAI

Pay Yok Song.

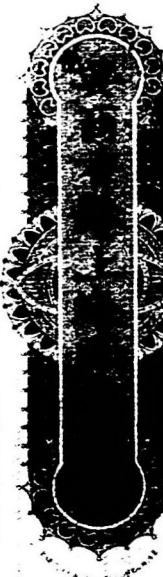
or Bearers

Dollars Four hundred & ninety only —

此票在上海取銀

B 490⁰⁰

Norman L. J. Hughes



B:D 980216



Shanghai

Feb 26^d 1927Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation
SHANGHAI

Pay Marcel

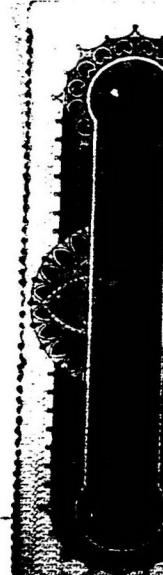
or Bearers

Dollars Two hundred & seventy five cents

此票在上海取銀

B 26²⁵

Norman L. J. Hughes



B:D 980212



Shanghai

Feb 28^d 1927Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation
SHANGHAI

Pay Hung Chong.

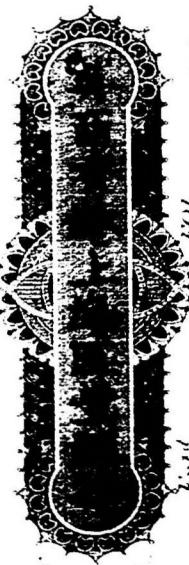
or Bearers

Dollars Four hundred & thirty only —

此票在上海取銀

B 430⁰⁰

Norman L. J. Hughes



B/D 980215

Shanghai Feb. 26th 1927

Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

SHANGHAI.

此票在上海取銀

Pay Miyakoya & Co
Dollars Forty nine only —

or Bearers

B 49⁰⁰

Norman L. J. Hughes.



B/D 980213

Shanghai Feb. 26th 1927

Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

SHANGHAI.

此票在上海取銀

Pay Yick Chang
Dollars Eight hundred only.B 800⁰⁰
P.M.A.S.
or Bearers
BANK OF CHINA
HONG KONG
MADE TO PAY
TO THE ORDER OF
NORMAN L. J. HUGHES
SHANGHAI

Norman L. J. Hughes.

THE SPORTING NEWS
AND AMUSEMENT REVIEW
29 AVENUE EDWARD VII
(P. O. BOX 1070)
SHANGHAI

J. J. HUGHES ESQ.

G. P. O.

SYDNEY.

AUSTRALIA.

POSTE RESTANTE.

MEMO.

From the

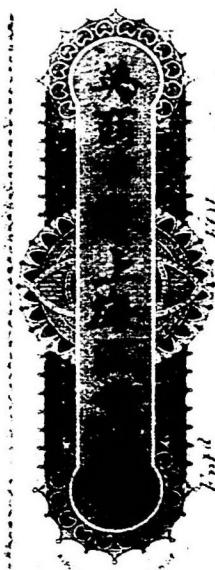
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
(INCORPORATED IN HONGKONG)

Cheque No. 8980217 returned

ANSWER:

Drawer's signature differ
from specimen in our file

Shanghai, 28. Feb. 1927



Bl. D 980217 Shanghai Feb 26^d 1927

Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Pay American Drug Co.
Dollars Thirty one

此票在上海取銀

\$31.00

Roman L J Hughes

Form No. 1
F.H. 5000-19-26

Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE.
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, 6th May 1927.

To Mr. D. S. C. T. C. S.

Sir,

The man marked with
x is Hughes who absconded
from Shanghai, on the Empress
of Scotland, and was arrested
at Southampton.

Yours obediently
T. Conant

T. Conant

W.M.T.



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IN HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SUPREME COURT FOR CHINA
AT SHANGHAI.

CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

SHANGHAI, Thursday the 2nd day of March 1927.

To the Commissioner of Police and other Shanghai Municipal Police Officers or other Officers of this Court.

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G.W. King

Registrar.

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